

I feel that the current model for broadcast ownership has gone too far in the wrong direction. Perhaps the old 'rule of 7' was a bit limiting, but it did make for good competition, and in my mind, better broadcasting. The current giants like Clear Channel or Viacom are, indeed, models of what capitalism can achieve, but they are also homogenizing the airwaves down to a bland paste - and maybe more importantly - have eliminated any truly "local" voice in each broadcast market. I don't want to go to the extreme of invoking Orwell, but it does give one pause.

I feel very strongly that this competition must be brought back into broadcasting, and if that means regulating the number of media outlets one organization can own, then so be it. It would be nice to experience variety on the airwaves once again.